

REMARKS

Claims 12-21, 29-33, 37-41, 49-54 and 58-62 are pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 22-28, 34-36, 42-48 and 55-57 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as lacking antecedent basis for "the surface."

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-11, 22-28, 34-36, 42-48 and 55-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0016276 A1 ("Weldon et al.") in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,810,885 ("Tan"). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11, 22-28, 34-36, 42-48 and 55-57 and thus, the rejection has been obviated.

The Examiner objected to claims 12-21, 29-33, 37-41, 49-54 and 58-62 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowability of claims 12-21, 29-33, 37-41, 49-54 and 58-62. Applicants have accordingly amended claims 12-13, 17-18, 29-30, 37-38, 49-50, 54 and 58-59 to place them in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to claims 12-21, 29-33, 37-41, 49-54 and 58-62 have been overcome and respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to these claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-21, 29-33, 37-41, 49-54 and 58-62 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the application be allowed and promptly passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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